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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BEDELL ET AL.

Examiner

Christopher A. Revak

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on September 23, 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date see attached.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 23, 2002 and September 16, 2002 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner is considering the information disclosure statement. The examiner notes that a compact disk was submitted with the information disclosure statement filed on September 23, 2002, however the examiner was unable to locate the compact disk in order to review the references. If the applicant wishes to have these references considered, the copies need to be resubmitted for consideration by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1,7, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Willens, U.S. Patent 5,889,958.

As per claims 1,7, and 13, it is disclosed by Willens of a method, system, and processor readable medium comprising computer code for execution by a processor for implementing a security filter for regulating access to data associated with a network

access server (reporting system)(col. 1, lines 6-13; col. 2, lines 50-61; col. 3, lines 16-20 & col. 9, lines 17-20). A user is enabled to submit a password and profile (user identification) for a user request to a network access server (reporting system) wherein the user is identified based on their user profile (identification input), and then data is retrieved in accordance with the user request if authorized (col. 3, lines 16-20 & col. 5, lines 9-21). The retrieved data is filtered based on a security filter associated with the user profile (identified user)(col. 5, lines 9-21 & col. 5, line 58 through col. 6, line 5). The data is presented to a user through a browser (user interface)(col. 4, lines 58-62 & col. 5, lines 9-21).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2-4,6,8-10,12,14-16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Willens, U.S. Patent 5,889,958 in view of Pennock et al, U.S. Patent 6,484,168.

As per claims 2-4,8-10, and 14-16, the teachings of Willens disclose of implementing a user security filter that filters requested data. The teachings of Willens fails to disclose that the security filter comprises a filter expression that specifies a subset of data in the database and has a top range and bottom range attribute that

specifies the highest and lowest levels of analysis for applying the security filter. It is disclosed by Pennock et al of word filters (filter expression) that determine a subset of topics (data)(col. 2, lines 59-66). A frequency filter determines the upper (highest) and lower frequency ranges (levels) that apply to the filtering the database (col. 3, lines 22-25). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have been motivated to apply expressions and ranges that help in filtering content for desired specifications. The motivational benefit of applying expressions and ranges is disclosed by Pennock et al wherein the content retrieved from a database is greatly reduced and information that is either not related or is redundantly recited is removed (col. 3, lines 46-53). It is obvious that the teachings of Pennock et al would have improved the teachings of Willens by setting ranges and expressions that is to be applied to the security filter wherein it would act more efficiently to remove unrelated data or redundant data that a user is not authorized to view.

As per claims 6,12, and 18, it is taught by Willens that the security filter varies by user and rules (fact element)(col. 5, lines 12-13 & col. 5, line 58 through col. 6, line 5).

6. Claims 5,11, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Willens, U.S. Patent 5,889,958 in view of Reid et al, U.S. Patent 6,182,226.

The teachings of Willens disclose of implementing security filter that filters requested data based upon a user profile. The teachings of Willens is silent in disclosing that the user is associated with a group of users and applying a group level security filter. In a teaching by Reid et al, it is disclosed of a (group level) security filter

that is applied to a connection and grouping users that have the same rights (col. 5, lines 14-24 & col. 6, lines 39-41). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have been motivated group users with similar profiles into the same category for applying security rules. Reid et al discusses motivation for applying the grouping of users by reciting that user's have the same rights and can allow roaming users to be grouped into regions (col. 5, lines 14-24). It is obvious that the teachings of Willens could have been altered in order to allow for the grouping of users to form a group level security filter so that user's with the same rights can be grouped together as is disclosed by Reid et al.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


McClain et al, U.S. Patent 6,772,214 discloses of authenticating a user and applying an active rule set that is applied by a filter.


Colson et al, U.S. Patent 6,236,909 discloses of authenticating a user with an associated profile and filtering out components that do not match privileges associated with the user profile.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher A. Revak whose telephone number is 571-272-3794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 6:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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